

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-14 and 16-25 remain in this application. Claims 1, 2, and 15 have been canceled without prejudice, and Applicants reserve the right to file continuation applications claiming such cancelled subject matter. Applicants have amended claim 3 to incorporate limitations of claims 1 and 2 and have amended claim 16 to incorporate limitations of claims 1 and 15. Applicants have added claims 21-25. Support for claims 21-25 can be found throughout the specification and claims (e.g., original claims 10 and 12). Applicants have amended claims 17 and 20 to now depend from claim 16. Accordingly, no issues of new matter are believed to be raised by the above amendments to the claims.

Rejection Under 35 USC 102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,372,296 ("Fahim"). See pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully disagree. However, in the interests of furthering the present application to allowance, Applicants have cancelled claim 1, without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 USC 103

Claims 2 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Fahim in view of US Patent No. 6,522,918 ("Crisp"). See pages 3-4 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully disagree. However, in the interests of furthering the present application to allowance, Applicants have cancelled claim 1, without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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